## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown <u>underlined</u> while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1 (original): A sun visor for an automobile, having a shading plate-like core for use in a passenger cabin of the automobile and a support shaft by which said plate-like core is supported in the passenger cabin, said plate-like core having a plurality of micropores each having a diameter ranging from 1 to 5 mm, wherein an open area ratio representing a ratio of a total area of said micropores to a projected area of said plate-like core ranges from 2 % to 30 %.

2 (original): The sun visor for an automobile according to claim 1, wherein said plate-like core comprises a superposed assembly of a face side plate and a reverse side plate which have substantially equal contours, said micropores being defined in at least one of said face side plate and said reverse side plate.

3 (original): The sun visor for an automobile according to claim 1, wherein said plate-like core comprises a superposed assembly of a face side plate and a reverse side plate which have substantially equal contours, said micropores being defined in both said face side plate and said reverse side plate, and wherein the micropores defined in said face side plate and said reverse side plate are disposed out of alignment with each other as viewed in a direction perpendicular to a surface of said plate-like core.

4 (previously presented): The sun visor for an automobile according to claim 2, wherein said face side plate and said reverse side plate have a hollow space defined therebetween when said face side plate and said reverse side plate are superposed on each other.

5 (original): The sun visor for an automobile according to claim 4, wherein said hollow space defined in said plate-like core is filled with a porous sound absorbent.

6 (original): The sun visor for an automobile according to claim 5, wherein said sound absorbent comprises felt.

7 (previously presented): The sun visor for an automobile according to claim 1, wherein said plate-like core has an outer surface covered with a covering member having a high air permeability of at least 6 cc/cm$^2$/second.

8 (canceled)

9 (currently amended): A sun visor for an automobile, comprising:

a shading plate-shaped core having a plurality of pores each having a diameter ranging from 1 to 5 mm and formed in a thickness direction, wherein <u>said plate-shaped core comprises a face side plate and a reverse side plate which have substantially or nearly the same contour and are coupled with each other, said pores being formed in at least one of said face side plate or said reverse side plate, said face side plate and said reverse side plate have a hollow space defined therebetween when said face side plate and said reverse side plate are superposed on each other, said hollow space defined in said plate-shaped core is filled with a porous sound absorbent, and</u> a total open area of said pores is 2% to 30% of a projected area of said plate-shaped core ranges from; and

a support shaft connected to said plate-shaped core for supporting said plate-shaped core in a passenger cabin of the automobile,

wherein said plate-shaped core has an outer surface covered with a covering member having an air permeability of at least 6 cc/cm$^2$/second.

10 (canceled)

11 (previously presented): The sun visor according to claim 9, wherein said plate-shaped core comprises a face side plate and a reverse side plate which have substantially or nearly the same contour and are coupled with each other, said pores being formed in both said face side plate and said reverse side plate, and wherein the pores formed in said face side plate and the pores in said reverse side plate are disposed out of alignment with each other as viewed in the thickness direction.

12 – 13 (canceled)

14 (currently amended): The sun visor according to claim ~~13~~ 9, wherein said sound absorbent comprises felt.

15 (canceled)